

## 7. The Tribe of Ben and the Cavalier Poets Quiz



1. “Cavalier poets” is a broad description of a school of English poets of the 17th century, who came from the classes that supported which monarch during the English Civil War?

- a) **Charles I**
- b) Charles II
- c) James I
- d) James II

2. Which of the following poets is not a component of the Cavalier Poets?

- a) Robert Herrick
- b) Thomas Carew
- c) Richard Lovelace
- d) **George Herbert**

3. The Cavalier Poets often referred to themselves as the “Fathers of Ben” in homage to their literary disciple, Ben Jonson. True or False?

- a) True
- b) **False**

4. *To Penshurst*, by Ben Jonson, can be classified as a Country Estate poem. True or false?

- a) False
- b) **True**

5. What are the “Penates” that appear in the following verse of *To Penshurst*?

“Of thy *Penates* had been set on flame”

- a) **Roman household gods**
- b) Anglo-Saxon gods of war
- c) Roman gods of love
- d) Anglo-Saxon fertility gods

6. Which of the following themes can be found in Robert Herrick's *Corinna's Going a-Maying*?

- a) Beatus ille
- b) Ubi sunt?
- c) **Carpe diem**
- d) Nihil novum sub sole

7. The celebration of "May Day" has pagan origins. True or false?

- a) **True**
- b) False

8. In the following verse of the poem, what do the "orient pearls" refer to?

"Against you come, some **orient pearls** unwept"

- a) Tears
- b) **Dew**
- c) Moon shadows
- d) Clouds

9. In John Suckling's *Out Upon It, I Have Loved*, how long has the narrator loved his current conquest for?

- a) 3 hours
- b) **3 days**
- c) 3 months
- d) 3 years

10. Richard Lovelace spent seven weeks in Gate House prison, London in 1642. Here, he wrote *To Althea, from Prison*. What does the Greek word αληθεια (aletheia) mean?

- a) **Truth**
- b) Freedom
- c) Pain
- d) Beauty